IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF
ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO. 19028 OF 2006

Dated: September 20, 2006

Between:

S.Ashok Singh

Petitioner

AND

The A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited,
Rep. By its Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
UNI Building, AC Guards, Hyderabad, and another

Respondents

ORAL ORDER:

With the consent of learned counsel appearing for the parties and having regard to the pendency of appeal filed by the petitioner, this writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission.

The petitioner is a Plantation Manager working in

the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited. In the year 2003, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the petitioner by framing three charges. After conducting enquiry, final order vide proceedings dated 14.03.2005 was passed imposing punishment of stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect besides recovery of a sum of Rs.2,730.25 Ps. in lumpsum, from the salary of the petitioner. It is stated that as per the Regulations of the Corporation, the petitioner preferred an appeal on 10.06.2005 and is pending consideration before the first respondent. The petitioner also questions further order passed by the second respondent – Regional Manager, vide proceedings No.RM,Hyd/RR-DC/2003825 dated 7.6.2005, treating the period of suspension from 24.9.2003 to 28.07.2004 as *specific punishment period*, as per the Staff Regulations.

However, it has to be noticed that the order dated 7.6.2005, is a consequential order of the main order dated 14.3.2005, passed in culmination of the disciplinary enquiry, as against which the petitioner has already filed appeal on 10.6.2005, which is pending consideration.

Even the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent – Corporation affirmed the pendency of appeal filed by the petitioner. Inasmuch as the matter is seized before the Appellate Authority, without going into

merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, directing the first respondent – Appellate Authority to dispose of the appeal dated 10.06.2005 filed by the petitioner, within two months from today.

Subject to the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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R.Subhash Reddy, J.

September 20, 2006
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